

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice. Further, the specification has been amended to correct certain informalities.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-13 have been amended for better clarity and conformance to U.S. practice, such as beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A', changing "characterized in that" to --wherein--, and deleting reference numerals typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. Claims 1-13 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the title of

the invention was not sufficiently descriptive, and required a new title. In response, the current title has been deleted and substituted with a new title which is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

In the Office Action, claims 5-7 and 9-11 are objected to for certain informalities. In response, claims 5-7 and 9-11 have been amended to remove the informalities noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claims 5-7 and 9-11 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 8-10 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by WO 01/24224 (Boonekamp). Further, claims 7 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Boonekamp. Claim 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Boonekamp, or under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Boonekamp. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-24 are patentable Boonekamp for at least the following reasons.

Boonekamp shows in FIG 1B a light source or burner 12 surrounded by a lamp vessel or outer bulb 11. As clearly shown in FIG 1B and recited on page 9, lines 29-32, a light-absorbing

coating 16 is provided over the outer bulb 11. Further, as recited on page 10, lines 1-2, an interference film 15 is applied over the light-absorbing coating 16.

It is respectfully submitted that Boonekamp does not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 15 which, amongst other patentable elements, requires (illustrative emphasis provided):

an interference filter is arranged on or in
at least a part of the burner.

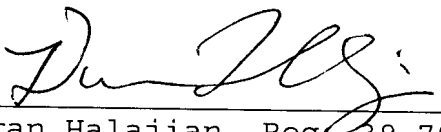
The burner 12 of Boonekamp has no coating whatsoever, let alone an interference filter, as recited in independent claims 1 and 15. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1 and 15 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-14 and 16-24 should also be allowed based at least on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 15.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to

submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded. Further, it is believed that no additional fees are due since the multiple dependency (of claim 13) has been removed, and fees for 4 additional claims in excess of 20 (total 24 claims) have already been paid.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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